Home Minister's visit to US

929. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Minister paid a visit to United States of America recently in 2009; and

(b) if so, the details of discussion took place and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Naxals of Chhattisgarh ready for talk with Government

†930. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the required cooperation is being given by all the States to the antinaxal joint campaign;

(b) whether new experiences have been reported regarding different aspects of this problem from the Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh regions;

(c) whether naxalites in Chhattisgarh are ready to talk;

(d) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh is ready to talk with naxalites, if they turn non-violent;

(e) whether affected States have demanded more funds for development and for the special security forces; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While at the macro level, the violence in the two States of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand has not shown much variation in the last two years, there is a shift in the tactics of the naxals from Guerilla warfare to mobile warfare, wherein they have shown greater mobility than in the past.

(c) The Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that the State Government has not received any proposal from the CPI (Maoists) for talks.

(d) There is a general consensus that a uniform policy *vis-à-vis* naxalites needs to be followed, particularly in view of the fact that naxal activities cut across State boundaries. With a view to bringing the extremist elements into the mainstream, surrender and rehabilitation policies are also in place in the naxal affected States, which also implies the need to abjure violence and give up arms.

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(e) and (f) The State Governments project their requirements for capacity building of their forces and augmentation of resources from time to time. The Central Government gives assistance, *inter alia*, for modernisation and upgradation of the State Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme); re-imbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; filling in the critical gaps in security infrastructure under Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS), assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organizations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; and assistance in development works through a wide range of schemes of various Central Ministries.

It has also been decided to setup ten battalions of CoBRA (Commando Battalions for Resolute Action) specially trained in counter-insurgency and jungle warfare, as a part of the CRPF. These will be located mainly in the naxal affected States. Of these two Bns. (9 teams each) have been raised and are being trained to assist the State police forces in naxal affected States.

20 CIAT (counter-insurgency and anti-terrorism) schools have been approved to be opened in naxal/insurgency affected States, of which seven have been approved for the naxal affected States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa during the current year.

32 IR (India Reserve) battalions have also been sanctioned for the naxal affected States of which 17 battalions have been raised so far by the States. The Central Government is closely following up with the concerned States to raised the remaining Battalions expeditiously and in a time bound manner. Recently, it has also been decided that 2 Coys per Battalion may be raised as Commando/Specialised units with provision for attitional central assistance @ Rs. 3 crores per Coy.

Registered voluntary organization under FCRA

†931. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organizations registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in the country and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether all the voluntary organizations are receiving money from abroad; and

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As on 20/02/2009, there are 37,242 associations registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. The State/UT wise break-up is given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) No Associations having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme can accept foreign contribution without registration or prior permission under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Association(s), which are registered or have obtained prior permission under the said Act are required to submit annual returns of receipt and

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